

***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Roland J. Steinle, III**, was appointed to the bench in January 2001 following a career that was focused on defense work. He is currently assigned to the Family Court Department. Prior to that he served in the Civil Department. Judge Steinle's legal career began in private practice in 1976. In 1986 he moved from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to join the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office, representing criminal defendants unable to pay for a lawyer. During his tenure and a deputy public defender, he was a trial group supervisor and co-chairman of the Capital Representation Committee. In 1995, he was among the first lawyers assigned to the newly created Office of the Legal Defender as a senior counsel assigned to the major felony team specializing in homicide cases, especially those cases where the state was seeking the death penalty.

He received his law degree from Marquette University Law School in 1976 and an undergraduate degree in philosophy and history from Marquette University in 1973. Upon graduation from college he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. From 1976 to 1989 he served as an infantry training officer and later as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in various reserve units including the 219<sup>th</sup> JAG Detachment in Phoenix.

Judge Steinle has been actively involved in community activities participating in the ASU Law School Extern Program, the Courthouse Experience Program and Habitat for Humanity. He has been a frequent facilitator at the State Bar's legal education programs including a course on professionalism. Before joining the bench his memberships included the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Horace Rumpole Inn of Court.